

## Local Couple Buys Historic Tavern

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New Sun Tavern owners John and Laurie Cowden have a long history of managing historically significant restaurants such as the Publick House in Sturbridge and the Jared Coffin House on Nantucket.

"Being in the hospitality business, you tend to move around a lot," said John Cowden. "We moved to Duxbury four years ago, our children are in the schools and involved in sports, and we love the town."

During their time in Duxbury, the Cowdens spent some time with the Sun Tavern's previous owner, Kevin Dubois, and when Dubois decided to sell the tavern, Cowden said it was the perfect fit for him and his wife.

"We didn't want to move anymore, so to ensure that, we



**New owners of the Sun Tavern, John and Laurie Cowden, and their two children, Teddi and Parker, celebrate the evening at the opening Monday night.**

decided to buy a restaurant," Cowden said.

Buying the Sun Tavern will not only keep his family in Duxbury for the long run, Cowden said, but also fits in well with the types of restaurants the husband and wife have managed in the past.

"The Sun Tavern has a reputation for service and food, but more than that, we really love the atmosphere of the place," Cowden said. "A lot of the restaurants we've managed in the past have had that type of historical charm."

There won't be any major changes to the Sun Tavern in the near future, other than the possible addition of a Sunday brunch in the fall and some renovations to the exterior of the building, which was built in 1741.

"Our philosophy is to maintain the integrity and protect the fine reputation of the restaurant," Cowden said.